

## § 701.10

- (e) Establish or improve stands of forest trees.
- (f) Give protection against soil erosion.
- (g) Prevent or abate agricultural-related pollution of water, land, and air.
- (h) Meet special State or county conservation needs.
- (i) Encourage energy conservation practices.

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### § 701.10 County programs.

(a) A program shall be developed in each county by the county committee, in consultation with the county conservation review group, in accordance with the National and State development guidelines and policies provided. At least one public meeting per year shall be held for this purpose.

(b) The county program shall be that approved by the State committee and the Secretary or designee.

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### § 701.11 State programs.

(a) The State committee, in consultation with the State conservation review group, shall develop recommendations for the State program. The chairperson of the State conservation review group may also invite others with conservation or water quality interests to participate in such deliberations. At least one public meeting per year shall be held for this purpose.

(b) The State program shall consist of the guidelines and practices selected by the State committee after considering the recommendations submitted by the county committee to the State review group and approved by the Secretary or designee.

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### § 701.12 Selection of practices.

The practices to be included in the State or county program shall be only those practices for which cost-sharing is essential to permit accomplishment of the program objective.

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### § 701.13 Levels and rates of cost-sharing.

(a) The maximum level of cost-sharing for each practice shall be the percentage of the average cost of performing the practice considered necessary to obtain the needed performance of the practice, but at a level such that the participant will make a significant contribution to the cost of performing the practice.

(b) Levels of cost-sharing under annual agreements for each practice shall not be in excess of 75 percent of the average cost of carrying out the practice as determined by the county committee. However, where the Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations, determines a higher level of cost-sharing is necessary to provide adequate incentive for producer to carry out a conservation practice, the Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations, may specifically authorize a higher level. (See § 701.19 for special provision for low-income farmers.)

(c) Levels of cost-sharing under long term agreements shall not be in excess of 75 percent nor less than 50 percent of the average cost for each practice as determined by the county committee.

(d) For the purpose of establishing rates of cost-sharing, the average cost of performing a practice may be the average cost for a county or a part of a county, as determined by the county committee.

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### § 701.14 Starting of practices.

Costs will not be shared for practices or components of practices that are started before a formal approval is given by the county committee.

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### § 701.15 Method of approval.

The county committee will determine the extent to which Federal funds will be made available to share the cost of each approved practice, taking into consideration the county allocation, the conservation and environmental problems in the county, the land involved, and the practices for